

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Following amendment, claims 1, 3-16, and 18-27 remain in this application. Claims 1, 15, and 25 have been amended, following several conversations with the customer service branch at the USPTO. It is believed that all grounds for rejection have been addressed and that the claims as amended are now in conditional for allowance. A previous examiner has acknowledged that original claim 2 was directed to allowable subject matter, and Applicant has attempted to amend the claims accordingly to accept that limitation. Applicant apologizes for any confusion along the way, but wishes to request the Examiner to contact the undersigned to discuss any further amendment as necessary for allowance, since it seems that the present application is acknowledged to contain allowable subject matter and merely needs to have the claims properly amended to summarize the allowable subject matter. Applicant has attempted to comply with claim drafting rules and requirements in the rapid evolving field and would appreciate any assistance that the Examiner could offer in the this regard.

Conclusion

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that all pending claims are allowable over the art of record, and the application is submitted to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

In the event that an appropriate fee amount is not enclosed by check for fees associated with new claims, an extension of time or an Information Disclosure Statement, fees that may be due, please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to deposit account no. 50-1349.

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Finally, in the event that the Examiner considers certain currently rejected claims to be allowable over the prior art and feels that informal discussion would be helpful in progressing the current application toward allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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